

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-32, 35-36, 38-49, 51-53, 55, 57-70, 72, 74-76, 78-90, 92-94, and 96 are pending in this application, with claims 1, 16, and 57 being the only independent claims. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 8-14, 57-70, 72, 74-76, 78-90, 92-94, and 96 are allowed. Claims 17-32, 35, 36, 38-49, 51-53, and 55 were found to contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

The Examiner has repeated the rejection of claim 16 under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting because the Examiner states that the Terminal Disclaimer filed on August 8, 2007 was non-compliant because it did not include the fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.20(d). The Examiner also states that there is no authorization to charge a specified Deposit Account or credit card.

However, the disclaimer fee was indeed paid on August 8, 2007. Attached hereto is a copy of the stamped return receipt postcard indicating that a check for \$575.00 was filed August 8, 2007 with the amendment and terminal disclaimer to cover a small entity three-month extension fee (\$510.00) and the terminal disclaimer fee (\$65.00). Also included in the attachment is a copy of the check for \$575.00 that was filed with the amendment and terminal disclaimer. The first page of the amendment filed on August 8, 2008 also clearly stated that the check was for the three-month extension and the disclaimer fee. Accordingly, all requirements for a terminal disclaimer were met by the documents filed on August 8, 2007.

In view of the above remarks, the rejection of claim 16 under nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting should be withdrawn.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

Should the Examiner have any comments, questions, suggestions, or objections, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned in order to facilitate reaching a resolution of any outstanding issues.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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